

SUBCHAPTER C : DUTIES OF LICENSED WATER WELL DRILLERS AND PUMP INSTALLERS

§340.71. Marking Vehicles and Equipment.

It is the duty of all licensed water well drillers and pump installers to see that all water well rigs and pump installer vehicles used by them or their employees in the water well drilling or pump installer business are marked with legible and plainly visible identification numbers at all times.

(1) The identification number to be used on water well rigs shall be the license number of the water well driller responsible for the water well drilling operations. The identification number to be used on pump installer vehicles shall be the license number of the pump installer responsible for installing or repairing the pump, the owner of the business if the owner has a pump installer's license, or the designated licensed supervising pump installer.

(2) License numbers shall be printed, upon each side of every water well rig or pump installer vehicle, not less than two inches high and in a color sufficiently different from the color of the vehicle or equipment so that the license number shall be plainly legible.

(3) A driller or pump installer shall have 30 days from the date a license is issued to see that all water well rigs or pump installer vehicles used by him or his employees are marked as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this section.

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§340.73. Well Logs.

(a) Every licensed well driller, deepening or otherwise altering a well within this state shall make and keep a legible and accurate well log on forms supplied by the executive director. The well log shall be recorded at the time of drilling and must show the depth, thickness, and character of the strata penetrated, the location of water-bearing strata, the depth, size, and character of casing installed, and any other information required by this section.

(b) Every licensed driller shall deliver or transmit by certified mail the original of the well log to the commission, and shall deliver or send by first-class mail a photocopy to the local underground water conservation district and a copy to the owner or the person for whom the well was drilled within 60 days from the completion or cessation of drilling, deepening, or otherwise altering a well.

(c) Every licensed water well driller shall inform the owner or person having the water well drilled, deepened, or otherwise altered, that such person may submit a written request both by certified

mail to the commission and in person or by first-class mail to the local underground water conservation district that the well log be kept confidential and exempt from disclosure as a public record.

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§340.75. Plugging and Completion of Water Wells.

(a) Each licensed well driller shall assure that all wells are plugged, repaired, or properly completed according to commission rules and Texas Water Code, §32.017 (relating to plugging of water wells). Each pump installer shall install or repair pumps according to commission rules and Texas Water Code, §33.014 (relating to completion, repair, and plugging of water wells).

(b) A licensed driller or pump installer shall notify the commission, the local underground water conservation district if required by the local authority, and the landowner or person having a well drilled or pump installed when he encounters water injurious to vegetation, land, or other water, and the well must be plugged, repaired, or properly completed in order to avoid injury or pollution.

(c) A licensed driller or pump installer who knows of an abandoned or deteriorated well, as those terms are defined by Texas Water Code, §32.017 and §33.014 (relating to completion, repair, and plugging of water wells), shall notify the landowner or person possessing the well that the well must be plugged or capped in order to avoid injury or pollution.

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§340.77. Supervising Drillers or Pump Installers.

(a) Drillers or pump installers who are not licensed under the Texas Water Code may drill or install pumps under the direct supervision of a licensed driller or pump installer.

(b) The licensed driller or pump installer shall be present at the well site at all times during all operations or may be represented by an apprentice or trainee capable of immediate communication with the licensed driller or pump installer at all times; provided that the licensed driller visits the well site at least once each day of operation to direct the manner in which the operations are conducted.

(c) The supervising licensed driller or pump installer is responsible for compliance with the Texas Water Code, Chapters 32 and 33 (relating to Water Well Drillers and Water Well Pump Installers) and commission rules.

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